

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Meeting of the Commission  
June 27, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

James R. Thompson Center  
Murdock Room - IDHS  
Suite 5-300  
100 West Randolph Street  
Chicago, IL 60601

and

Lincoln Land Training Center  
130 W. Mason Street  
Room 104  
Springfield, Illinois

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**Commissioners**

In Chicago

Rozanne Ronen, Vice Chairman of the Commission  
Robert A. Cantone  
David Chang  
Terry Cosgrove  
Marylee V. Freeman  
Nabi Fakroddin  
Spencer Leak, Sr.  
David J. Walsh  
Patricia Bakalis Yadgir (Via telephone)  
Diane M. Viverito

In Springfield

Marti Baricevic

Absent

Chairman Martin R. Castro

**Staff**

Keith N. Chambers  
Michael J. Evans  
Reva Bauch  
LaNade Bridges  
Donyelle L. Gray  
Bricia Herrera  
Evelio Mora  
Christine Welninski  
Emily Coffey, Summer Coles Fellow

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**Members of Public:** None

**NOTICE:**

Public meetings and closed meetings of the Illinois Human Rights Commission are audio recorded.

**I. Call to Order**

On June 27, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., Vice Chairman Rozanne Ronen called to order a meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., it was determined that:

- 1) A quorum of the public body was present at the meeting.
- 2) Prior to the meeting, Chairman Castro gave notice (and good cause as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act) to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Donyelle L. Gray, that he would be unable to attend today's meeting. Vice Chairman Ronen would act in his stead.
- 3) Prior to the meeting Commissioner Yadgir gave notice (and good cause as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act) to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Donyelle L. Gray, that she would be unable to be physically present at today's meeting. Commissioner Yadgir requested to participate via telephone. The Commission voted to allow Commissioner Yadgir to participate in the meeting via telephone. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman and seconded by Commissioner Nabi. Motion carried 10-0.

**II. Consideration of Minutes**

May 30, 2012

The Commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2012, meeting as submitted by staff. Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner Cosgrove and seconded by Commissioner Nabi. Motion carried 11-0.

**III. Staff Reports**

*A. N. Keith Chambers, Executive Director*

Mr. Chambers announced there were no new changes to the FY13 budget. A meeting would be set with the Office of Management and Budget to discuss future budgetary issues.

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Mr. Chambers reported that funding for the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission (“TIRC”) had been eliminated, and as of July 1, 2012, TIRC would no longer be in operation.

Mr. Chambers announced the Commission will host a Ukrainian delegation on Monday July 2, 2012. Mr. Chambers invited all members of the Commission to attend.

*B. Dr. Ewa I. Ewa, Chief Fiscal Officer*

Dr. Ewa reported that as of May 2012 the Commission had a surplus of \$150,000.00, which is being used to make various purchases for the Commission operations, such as equipment and supplies.

Dr. Ewa reported the Commission’s final budget for FY13 would be \$ 1,755,000. Further, Dr. Ewa indicated that the prior TIRC funding would not be allotted to the Commission for the Commission’s use for FY13.

Dr. Ewa reported that labor negotiations have come to an end for union members.

*C. Michael J. Evans, Chief Administrative Law Judge*

Judge Evans submitted the Administrative Law Section’s statistics for the month of May 2012.

*D. Donyelle L. Gray, General Counsel*

Ms. Gray reminded the Commissioners to submit their Certificates of Completion for Ethics Training for State Appointees by July 2, 2012.

Ms. Gray informed the Commissioners that several matters will be presented to the Commission *en banc* for its consideration over the next several months. Ms. Gray distributed a written schedule outlining which matters would be presented and when. She indicated the first matters would be presented during the July 25, 2012 *en banc*. Ms. Gray stated staff would attempt to send the rehearing *en banc* matters out to the Commissioners earlier than the regular meeting materials so as to provide the Commissioners with additional time to review the materials prior to the meeting.

Ms. Gray introduced summer Coles Fellow Emily Coffey to the Commission.

Ms. Gray also announced that panel materials will be available in flash drive format for any Commissioner who wishes to use a flash drive instead of a CD. Commissioners were asked to let Christine know which they preferred.

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**IV. New Business**

**A. Meet the HRC Staff**

Bricia Herrera introduced herself to the Commission and described her duties.

**VI. Executive Session**

No Executive session

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donyelle L. Gray  
General Counsel